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**STATE ISSUE PUBLIC SAFETY NOTICE,
ASKS PUBLIC TO STAY OFF UNDER-CONSTRUCTION PORTION OF
CAPE COD RAIL TRAIL**

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) today issued a public safety notice, requesting that people abstain from using the portion of the Cape Cod Rail Trail currently under construction, from Dennis to Nickerson State Park, until it is officially reopened. Although Phase 1, encompassing all reconstruction work on the Dennis/Nickerson State Park leg of the trail, is nearing completion, this portion of the trail will not open to the public until mid-June.

“With the arrival of spring, naturally more people are coming out to enjoy the warmer weather and the Cape Cod Rail Trail,” said DCR Commissioner Stephen H. Burrington. “While we’re all excited about a new and improved Rail Trail, we’re asking for everyone’s cooperation in getting the work done as quickly and safely as possible by staying off the trail until work on it is complete. It will be well worth the wait, I promise.”

DCR has laid the first of two layers of asphalt and there is still significant work yet to be done on the trail. At this time it is not yet safe for public use, owing to the presence of construction equipment along the trail and the absence of safety features to be installed such as wood rail fencing along steep slopes.

The section of the trail from Nickerson State Park to Wellfleet has remained open and will continue to be open to the public until after Labor Day. A Phase I ribbon-cutting ceremony and opening day event are being planned for mid-June after construction is complete.

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